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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR LE KU PINS
SUBJ: LEBANON INTERNAL SITUATION: VIEWS OF KUWAITI AMBASSADOR

1. KUWAITI AMBASSADOR AND I DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH ON MAY 5 INTERNAL SITUATION IN LEBANON IN ADDITION PROBLEM IMPLEMENTATION OF CAIRO ACCORD, WHICH IS SUBJECT SEPTEL.

2. REGARDING INTERNAL SITUATION, KUWAITI AGREED WITH MY VIEW THAT PROBLEM IS ESSENTIALLY TWO-PRONGED DISPUTE BETWEEN SUNNIS AND MARONITES ON ONE HAND AND MARONITES AND PALESTINIANS ON OTHER. HE FEELS THAT THE GEMAYELS ARE THE ONLY VALID INTERLOCUTORS ON THE CHRISTIAN EXTREMIST SIDE AND THAT THERE LITTLE PURPOSE IN TALING TO CHAMOUN OR FRANGIE. WE EXCHANGED NOTES ON THE HARD-LINE POSITIONS HELD BY BOTH OF THESE GENTLEMEN, AND BUAYJAN SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION THAT FRANGIE WAS INCREASINGLY OUT OF THE RUNNING AS A MARONITE LEADER WHILE CHAMOUN
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WAS MANEUVERING TO TRY TO BECOME THE UNIQUE LEADER HIMSELF.

3. BUAYJAN HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN TRYING TO URGE ON BOTH CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM THE NECESSITY FOR A NATIONAL CONSENSUS ON A NEW MAGNA CARTA FOR LEBANON. HE HAS BEEN URGING CONTACTS LEADING TO

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SOMETHING LIKE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BUT HAS
HAD NO LUCK TO DATE. HE FEELS THAT IT IS POLITICAL
LEADERS WHO HAVE BROUGHT LEBANON TO ITS PRESENT
UNHAPPY STATE AND THAT AS LONG AS MARONITES ARE
UNWILLING GIVE MOSLEMS A CHANCE AT THE BETTER POSITIONS
NOW CONTROLLED BY MARONITES, THERE IS GOING TO BE NO
RECONCILIATION. HE WILL CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS NEVERTHELESS.
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